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SUBJECT: "WOMEN TALK HOME"

1. SUMMARY: BRITISH WIVES OF CYPRIOTS HAVE ORGANIZED MASS DEMONSTRATION ON CEASEFIRE LINE SOUTH OF FAMAGUSTA FOR APRIL 20. WITH SUPPORT AKEL AND LYSSARIDES, DEMONSTRATION MAY ATTRACT UP TO 20,000 CYPRIOTS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED FOREIGN WOMEN. TURKS HAVE ORGANIZED COUNTER DEMONSTRATION SAME TIME, PLACE. SITUATION HAS POTENTIAL FOR HIGH COMEDY OR TRAGEDY. END SUMMARY.

2. BRITISH WIVES OF CYPRIOTS HAVE ORGANIZED MASS DEMONSTRATION AT DHERINIA VILLAGE, SOUTH OF FAMAGUSTA, FOR APRIL 20. COMMUNIST AKEL AND RABID LEFTIST LYSSARIDES, INITIALLY COOL TO IDEA OF FOREIGN ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION, HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT RALLY, THEREBY INSURING

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MASS TURNOUT. DEMONSTRATION LEADERS ESTIMATE UP TO

20,000 GREEK CYPRIOT WOMEN WILL PARTICIPATE. NUMBER OF  
PROMINENT FOREIGN WOMEN PLAN ATTEND.

3. CROWD WILL BE ADDRESSED BY FOREIGN PERSONALITIES,  
INCLUDING LADY FLEMMING AND TWO BRITISH FEMALE MP'S AT  
11:00 AM. AT NOON, FOREIGN WOMEN TOGETHER WITH  
SYMBOLIC GROUP OF CYPRIOTS, WILL PROCEED PAST NATIONAL  
GUARD CHECKPOINT TOWARDS TURKISH LINES. OSTENSIBLE  
PURPOSE WILL BE "TO RETURN TO FAMAGUSTA UNDER CONDITIONS  
OF SAFETY" PER UNGA RESOLUTION 3212.

4. DEMONSTRATION LEADERS RECOGNIZE UNLIKELIHOOD OF TURKS  
PERMITTING THEM ENTER FAMAGUSTA AND, HAVING MADE POINT  
THAT GOT NOT HONORING UN RESOLUTION, WILL ATTEMPT PRESENT  
PETITION TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES. THEY WILL THEN RETURN  
TO NATIONAL GUARD LINES AND MOUNT SILENT PROTEST.

5. TURKISH WOMEN HAVE ORGANIZED COUNTER DEMONSTRATION  
AT SAME TIME ON TURKISH SIDE CEASEFIRE LINE WHICH LIKELY  
ATTRACT SEVERAL THOUSAND. THEY PLAN PLACE WIDOWS FROM  
MARATHA AND TOKHNI (SITES OF SUMMER 1974 MASSACRES) IN  
FRONT LINES. TURK CYPRIOT WOMEN WILL CONFRONT ANY  
GREEKS OR FOREIGNERS SEEKING ENTER THEIR AREA.

6. TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH APRIL 16 DECLARED THAT  
UNFICYP WILL BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INCIDENTS OCCURING  
DURING DEMONSTRATION. HE CLAIMED UN HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO  
INSURE THAT GREEK CYPRIOT WOMEN DO NOT ADVANCE BEYOND  
"CERTAIN POINT." NOTED TURKS TAKING OWN PRECAUTIONS.

7. UN SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT OVER POSSIBILITY OF  
INCIDENT DURING DEMONSTRATION. THEY BELIEVE FIELDS ON  
BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN FRONT OF TURKISH POSITIONS ARE  
MINED. THEY ALSO REPORT SOME STRENGTHENING OF TURKISH  
POSITIONS IN THIS AREA. IF MARSHALLS UNABLE CONTROL  
CROWD AND LARGE NUMBER GREEK CYPRIOT WOMEN ATTEMPT  
ADVANCE TO TURKISH CHECKPOINT, RESULTS COULD BE TRAGIC.

8. IN EFFORT AVERT INCIDENTS UN NEGOTIATING WITH BOTH  
SIDES TO LIMIT NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL ENTER NO-WOMAN'S  
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LAND. UN SCENARIO WOULD HAVE 100 WOMEN FROM EACH SIDE  
ADVANCE TO MEDIAN POINT BETWEEN THEIR OWN LINE AND UN  
CHECKPOINT. GROUP OF 20 (10 FROM EACH) WOULD MEET IN MIDDLE TO  
EXCHANGE PETITIONS. THUS FAR, BRITISH WOMEN HAVE REJECTED THIS  
AND INSIST ON GOING FORWARD TO ACTUAL TURKISH POSITIONS.  
IF THEY ATTEMPT PUSH THROUGH TURKISH WOMEN, RESULTING  
SQUABBLE WILL BE UNSEEMLY -- AT BEST.

9. SEVERAL LOCAL AMERICAN WOMEN PLAN PARTICIPATE. WE  
HAVE NO INFORMATION ON OVERSEAS CONTINGENT EXCEPT THAT  
IT EXPECTED INCLUDE MRS ANDREAS PAPANDREOU.  
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